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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Shigeaki Kato et al.  
Serial No. : 09/489,198  
Filed : January 20, 2000

Art Unit : 1646  
Examiner : J. Murphy  
Confirmation No.: 5541  
Notice of Allowance Date: June 29, 2004  
Issue Fee Paid: September 29, 2004

Title : GENE SCREENING METHOD USING NUCLEAR RECEPTOR

**Mail Stop Express Abandonment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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EXPRESS ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.138

Applicant hereby expressly abandons application serial number 09/489,198, filed January 20, 2000, in favor of a copending continuation application filed January 5, 2005 (serial number unknown), that is directed to the same subject matter as and claims priority to application serial number 09/489,198. This abandonment is made without prejudice and is not intended as an abandonment of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in this application. Please note that the issue fee was paid on September 29, 2004; a petition under §1.313(c)(3) to withdraw this application from issue is being filed concurrently under separate cover.

Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 14875-054001.

Respectfully submitted,

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